

Thursday, January 6, 2000

Endeavour launch team resumes launch preparations



KSC civil servants honored by SFA



▲ **Shuttle Update: Processing of Space Shuttle Endeavour** for mission STS-99 has resumed at Launch Pad 39A following the holiday downtime. Loading of prelaunch propellant into Endeavour's onboard storage tanks begins Monday. Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test activities with the flight crew are slated to occur Jan. 13 and 14. The latest schedule

shows a targeted launch date no earlier than Jan. 31 for the 11-day Shuttle Radar Topography Mission, with landing Feb. 11.

▲ **Congratulations!** KSC hosted the STS-103 Space Flight Awareness Honoree Event Dec. 9-11. Ten KSC civil service employees were honored: *Karon J. Buchner, Juan P. Calero, Kenneth A. Hale, Maxine S. Johnson, Ronnie R. Lawson, Lawrence D. Maggie, Kenneth L. Newton, James P. Niehoff, Jeffrey G. Spaulding and Stephen J. Swickow.* They and other honorees participated in a reception, VIP tour of KSC, and IMAX viewing. KSC awardees will also enjoy a two-day tour of JSC in mid-January.

◆ **Nominations For The Space Coast Women Engineer Of The Year Awards --** The Space Coast section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) will present the Space Coast Women Engineer of the Year Awards during National Engineers' Week, on

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at their annual awards banquet. Nominations for these awards are being solicited from Space Coast engineering companies, government agencies, and technical organizations. For more information, visit their Web site <http://www.spacecoast.net/spacecoast/swe/award.html>, or contact Judy Kersey at judy.kersey@swe.org or Brenda S. Fuentes at 867-1294.

◆ **KSC Fitness Centers --** Beginning Aikido classes begin this month on Tuesdays and Fridays, 5 - 6 p.m., in the O&C Fitness Center, room 1108. For more information about group exercise class schedules and using KSC Fitness Centers, please check out the Web site at <http://fitness.ksc.nasa.gov>.

◆ **Did You Know?** Toastmasters provides hands-on training in public speaking, critical listening and thinking, and leadership development. Visitors are always welcome, and can eat lunch during the session. **KSC 3695 Toastmasters** meets every Wednesday, from 11:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in HQ 2201. For more information, please contact Dian Hardison at 867-6527, or Derwood McKinley at 867-0827. **LC-39 Toastmasters** meets in OSB Room 5204, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m., for one hour. For more information, please contact Jeff Ewald at 861-5461 or Jeanne Ann Phillips at 861-5763.

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